Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Was there anything in the conduct of Mr. Sambamurti during the time he was in the jail that induced or warranted the Government in thinking that his influence would be administratively dangerous to the Madras Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR .—" Not that I am aware of."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Then what are the reasons that made the Government fear his influence ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I have given my answer to that question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know why the Government considering the political position of Mr. Sambamurti as a member of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress has not given him any special treatment in these matters ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is for the trying magistrate to place him in the special division, and it is for the prisoner to ask for it. Evidently he did not ask the magistrate for it."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether he is now treated as a special prisoner ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That has been answered."

State Prisoners

Release of Chettali Beeyumma.

* 16 *Q.*—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD : Will the hon the Law Member be pleased to state what the Collector's recommendations are on the petition of Chettali Beeyumma submitted to the Government in December last ?

A.—The District Magistrate of South Kanara recommended that, if conditions in Malabar permit, her request for permission to return to Malabar should be granted. The latest report of the District Magistrate of Malabar shows that it is not safe to allow her to return and that her release would have a bad effect on the locality.

Land Records

Introduction of the Record of Rights Bill.

* 17. *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have a Record of Rights Bill ready for introduction into the Council ;

(*b*) if so, why the Bill has not been published ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to publish it at once so that the Bill may be introduced in the Council at the next sitting ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative. The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to question No. 129 on 5th September 1928 and question No. 903 on 29th November 1928.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask, Sir, whether Government have any intention of bringing forward a Record of Rights Bill ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir."

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire whether the Government after consulting their officers have decided to introduce a Record of Rights Bill?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"They have no such intention now."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether there have not been some changes in the Revenue accounts in order to bring in a Bill of this nature, and whether such changes have not been in existence for some time?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I must ask for notice, Sir."

Land Revenue

Rates of seigniorage in South Kanara district.

*18 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the various rates of seigniorage charged in the different parts of the South Kanara district at present?

A.—A statement is laid on the table.[a]

Collection of seigniorage in kumki and non-kumki areas in South Kanara.

*19 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and, if so, what seigniorage is being charged for sandalwood and dalchini (cinnamon) plants and trees in kumki and non-kumki areas in South Kanara and what proportion of the former goes to the wargdar;

(b) from what date or period it is being so charged;

(c) whether it is a fact that prior to about two years no such fee was being charged in kumki areas; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to stop the collection of such fees in kumkis?

A.—(a) For the seigniorage rates on sandal and cinnamon trees the hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 18 as to the seigniorage rates charged. When kumki lands are assigned on darkhast to the kumkidar, two-thirds of the value of sandalwood trees containing heartwood is recovered from the assignee, the value of all other trees being foregone.

(b) 1925.

(c) Yes, previous to 1925.

(d) The Government see no reason to adopt the course suggested. Kumki privileges are intended to serve domestic and agricultural purposes whereas the value of sandalwood is purely commercial.

Free assignment of lands to the depressed classes in South Kanara.

*20 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the question of giving lands free of assessment to the depressed classes in South Kanara till the lands become productive?

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 102–111 infra.